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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: COUNTERING "PRG" EFFORTS TO SEEK BILATERAL RECOGNITION

REF: CANBERRA 8171

1. WE APPRECIATE EMB DESIRE TO EXPLOIT TRAN QUOC BUU'S TELEGRAM TO ACTU PRES HAWKE. REGRET THAT WE MUST ADVISE AGAINST ANY GVN OR USG INVOLVEMENT WITH THE TELEGRAM. BUU IS VERY SENSITIVE ABOUT MAINTAINING A PUBLIC POSTURE OF INDEPENDENCE FROM THE GVN. ALSO, IF WE OR THE GVN WERE TO USE THE TELEGRAM, BUU FEARS IT COULD VERY WELL ALIENATE HIS RELATIONS WITH HAWKE IF HAWKE DECIDES TO TAKE NO ACTION.

2. ONE POSSIBLE COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE TO HAVE YOUR LABATT IN MELBOURNE PRIVATELY REVEAL TO HAWKE THAT HE HAS RECEIVED WORD BUU HAD SENT A MESSAGE ABOUT THE "PRG", INQUIRE AS TO ITS SUBSTANCE AND IF HE INTENDED ACTION.

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